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ABEL Webcast Series

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This webcast features John Lewis, a teacher at Mackenzie Glen Public School, discussing how he uses VoiceThread in the classroom. The webcast also gives examples of student work.

7 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT VOICETHREAD

Educause

net.educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/ELI7050.pdf

This article from Educause explains VoiceThread, its significance and its implications for teaching and learning.

The Advanced Broadband Enabled Learning (ABEL) program is a proven job-embedded professional learning service that enhances teaching practice and improves student achievement. This is achieved through a research-based approach to building collaborative learning communities, implementing blended learning environments for classrooms, schools and districts, using interactive web-based learning resources, developing sustainable inter-jurisdictional and inter-institutional collaboration and understanding institutional change. For more information about ABEL, please visit www.abelearn.ca.

VOICETHREAD IN EDUCATION

Students can post visual media, instructors can comment, and peers can offer verbal or text-based assessments. It is great tool for storytelling and collaborating. According to Educause, VoiceThread may also promote greater digital literacy and greater enthusiasm or multimedia creation.

WHAT IS VOICETHREAD?

VoiceThread is a collaborative multimedia slide show that allows people to post media artifacts — could be a document, a slide presentation, a video or a collection of photos — for community feedback. Commentators can add remarks by means of microphone, webcam, keyboard, or telephone. The resulting Flash-based animation contains the original artifact and the commentary on it.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

VoiceThread incorporates media from a variety of sources and allows the layering of sound and comments from many sources. In this way, the application may support completely new types of sharing and presentation.

GETTING STARTED

To request the use of Audacity, please log onto the website at www.abelearn.ca and select **Tools**. Launch **ABEL Tools** and select **Collaboration**. From here select **VoiceThread** and follow the instructions. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at abelhelp@yorku.ca.

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